

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): A device for connecting a support element to an add-on piece, said support element including an aperture, said device comprising:

a generally U-shaped plug-in element adapted to be inserted into said recess, said plug-in element having two parallel legs, a connecting region connecting said two parallel legs, and two laterally projecting bearing sections disposed away from and generally parallel to said connecting region, said connecting region having an abutment region;

an inner element disposed between said two legs, said inner element having two edge webs disposed substantially parallel to said two parallel legs, each said edge web having a counter lug disposed outwardly of and at an angle to said associated edge web and directed toward a bearing section, said inner element movable with respect to said plug-in element in a direction parallel to said parallel legs, said inner element having a face plate spaced from and parallel to said connecting region, said face plate having a threaded region therein; and

a fastener threadedly disposed in said threaded region, said fastener having an end adapted to contact said abutment region, whereby, when a said add-on piece and a said support piece are assembled and said fastener is threaded into said threaded region, said fastener end engages said abutment region and causes said inner element to move in a direction parallel to said parallel legs and away from said plug-in element until said counter lugs bear against the said support element, thereby securing said support element to said add-on piece.

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Claim 8 (original): The device according to claim 7 wherein said inner element includes two inner tongues which extend toward said abutment region.

Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 7 wherein said plug-in element is formed from a strip of sheet metal.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The device of claim 7 wherein said two edge webs each include an inner tongue, each said inner tongue disposed at an angle relative to said parallel legs, said ~~lugs~~ inner tongues slanting toward each other.

Claim 11 (original): The device of claim 7 wherein said parallel legs each include a slot through which one said counter lugs extends.

Claim 12 (original): The device of claim 7 wherein said inner element is formed from a strip of sheet metal.

Claim 13 (new): The device of claim 7, wherein said abutment region includes an abutment well formed as a depression in said connecting region of said plug-in element.